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NATIONAL WATER POLICY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the National Water Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing National Water Policy was found to be inadequate to resolve the various water issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a comprehensive new National Water Policy is likely to be announced and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) The National Water Policy, 2002 (NWP) was adopted by the National Water Resources council on 1st April, 2002. The NWP addresses the various issues related to development and management of both surface and ground water resources. The NWP states that it may be revised periodically as and when need arises. Observations/views of a number of people were received in respect of NWP from time to time and they were duly examined by the Ministry of Water Resorces. The examination of these views did not call for immediate need for reviewing the NWP. The National Action Plan on Climate Change envisages revisiting the National Water Policy in consultation with States to ensure basin level management strategies to deal with variability in rainfall and river flow due to climate change.